

**ADDRESS:** Direct all written comments to Dorene F. Erhard, Sr. Sanctions Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20220, (tel.: 202/622-2500). Internet Address:

Dorene.Erhard@treas.sprint.com.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mrs. B.S. Scott, Chief, Penalties Program (tel.: 202/622-6140); or William B. Hoffman, Chief Counsel (tel.: 202/622-2410); Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Foreign Assets Control Regulations, Civil Penalties Provisions.  
*OMB Number:* 1505-0147.

*Abstract:* A recipient of a prepenalty notice alleging a violation of the Foreign Assets Control Regulation is permitted to respond in writing requesting a hearing and/or setting forth his or her belief that a penalty should not be imposed, or if imposed, should be in a lesser amount than proposed.

*Current Actions:* Extension.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other for-profit institutions/ banking institutions/individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 2 hours to process.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 100 hours.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or

other forms of information technology; (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: December 12, 1996.

William B. Hoffman,

*Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury.*

[FR Doc. 96-32338 Filed 12-19-96; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4810-25-M**

**Office of Thrift Supervision**

**[AC-55: OTS No. 5120]**

**First Federal Savings Bank of America, Fall River, Massachusetts; Modification to Approval of Conversion Application**

Notice is hereby given that on December 17, 1996, the Executive Director, Supervision, Office of Thrift Supervision, acting pursuant to delegated authority, issued Order No. 96-123, which modified Order No. 96-108, dated November 12, 1996, which approved the application of First Federal Savings Bank of America, Fall River, Massachusetts (the "Association"), to convert to the stock form of organization. The modification was made to withdraw approval of the local depositor preference provisions in the Association's Plan of Conversion and, if the Association proceeds with the proposed conversion offering, to require the deletion of the local depositor preference provisions from the Association's Plan of Conversion. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Information Services Division, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, and the Northeast Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 10 Exchange Place, 18th Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302.

Dated: December 18, 1996.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nadine Y. Washington,

*Corporate Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 96-32540 Filed 12-19-96; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6720-01-M**

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Poverty Threshold; Notice**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hereby gives notice of the weighted poverty threshold established for 1995 for one person (unrelated individual) as established by the Bureau of the Census. This amount is \$7,763.

**DATES:** For VA determinations, the 1995 poverty threshold is effective September 26, 1996, the date on which it was established by the Bureau of the Census.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Paul Trowbridge, Consultant, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-7218.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We published a final rule amending 38 CFR 4.16(a) in the Federal Register of August 3, 1990, 55 Fed. Reg. 31,579. The amendment provided that marginal employment generally shall be deemed to exist when a veteran's earned annual income does not exceed the amount established by the Bureau of Census as the poverty threshold for one person. The provisions of 38 CFR 4.16(a) use the poverty threshold as a standard in defining marginal employment when considering total disability ratings for compensation based on unemployability of an individual. We stated we would publish subsequent poverty threshold figures as notices in the Federal Register.

The Bureau of the Census recently published in the weighted average poverty thresholds for 1995. The threshold for one person (unrelated individual) is \$7,763.

Dated: December 11, 1996.

Jesse Brown,

*Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

[FR Doc. 96-32300 Filed 12-19-96; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 8320-01-M**